



EFSS – The Marine Corps’ Future Indirect Fire System....



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Marine Fire Support





“Fix Artillery”

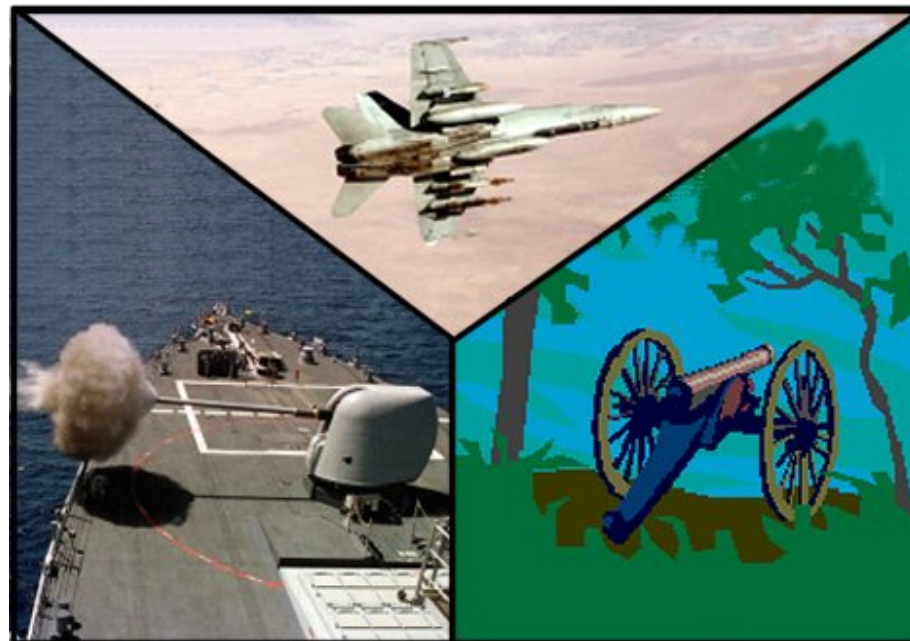


“We have atrophied our Marine ground fires inventory to a dangerous point....So I am fixing the artillery-bringing robustness back to Marine artillery.”

“Now, the final system of the land-based fire support triad...will be the very lightweight expeditionary fire support system [EFSS].”

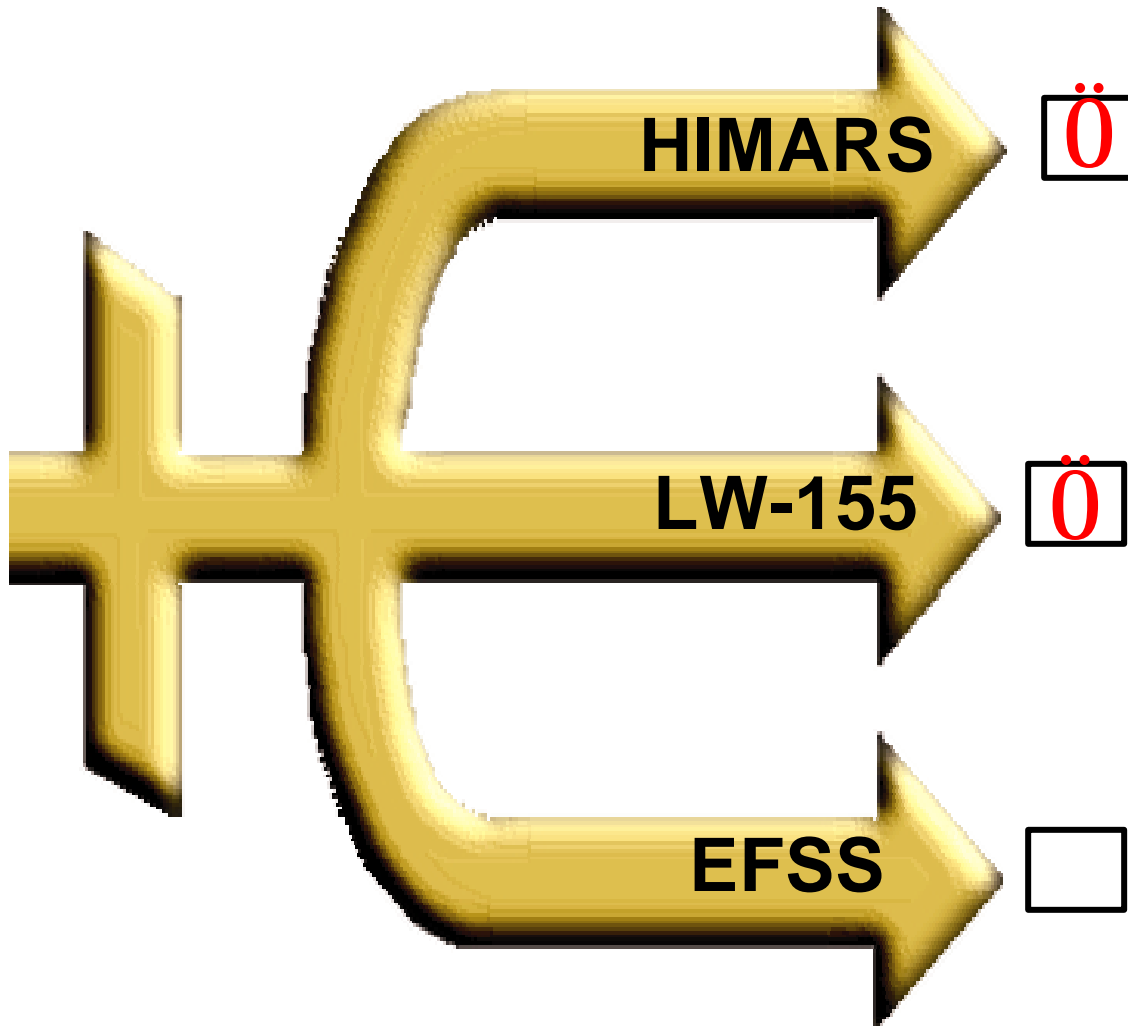
Gen James L. Jones, Commandant

Marine Corps Gazette, December 2000





Future Marine Ground Fire Support



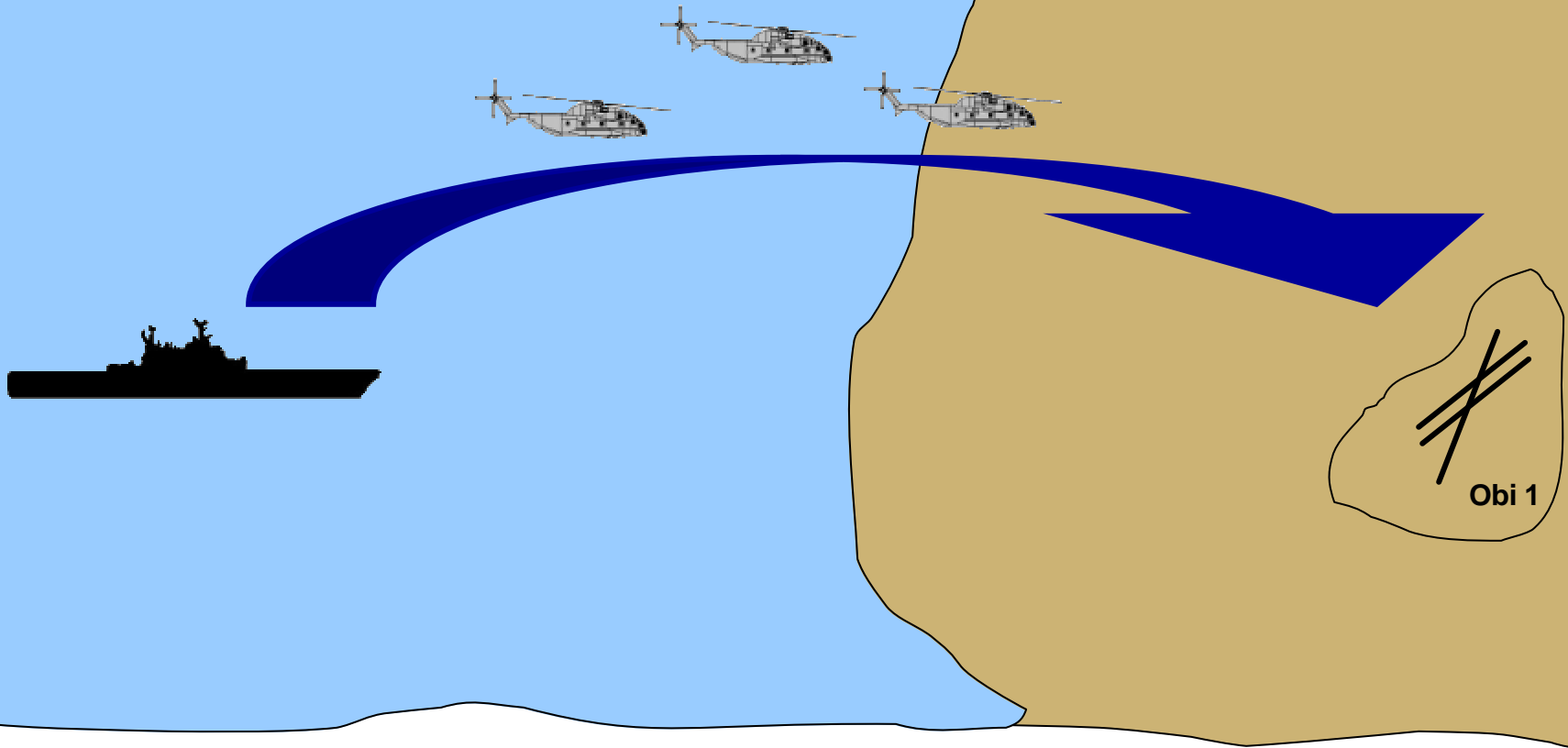
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Why EFSS ?

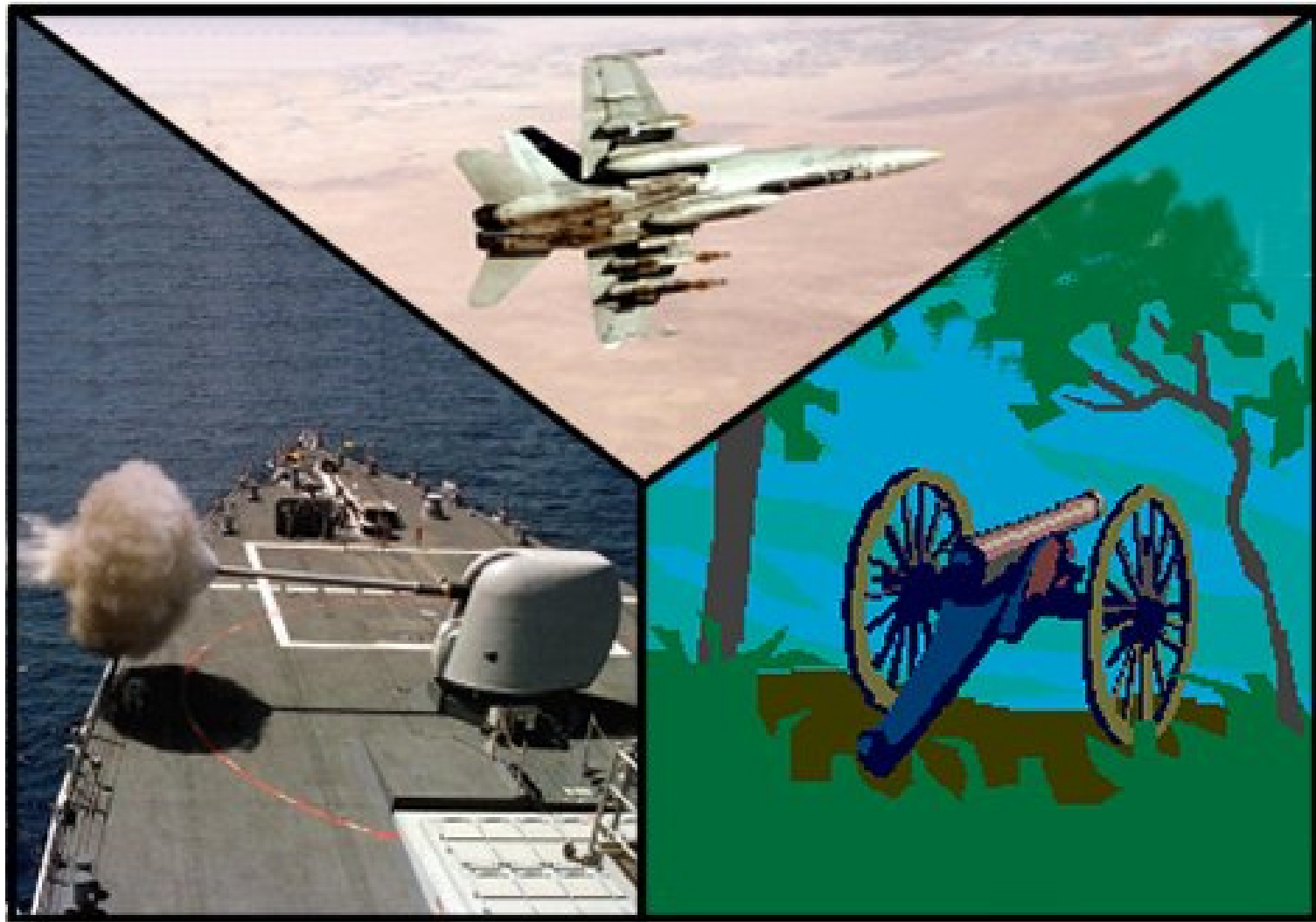


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“Fix Artillery”





Why EFSS?



“The idea of something that’s deployable, that’s perhaps smaller than the 155 [mm howitzer], and yet very responsive, I think that would have been helpful”...

“Especially if this enemy had been any tougher, I’d have been pretty leery of going in without any artillery support, or some all-weather ground fire support.”

**BGen James Mattis
CG 1st Marine Expeditionary Brigade
Operation ‘Enduring Freedom’**



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Why EFSS?



EFSS will be...

- a critical element of the ***ground fires triad*** (HIMARS, LW-155, EFSS) permitting the Marine Air Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Commander increased flexibility in tailoring his fire support systems.
- ***interoperable*** with the Advanced Field Artillery Tactical Data System.



Why EFSS?



EFSS will be...

- capable of ***successfully engaging a spectrum of potential point and area targets*** including motorized, light armored, and dismounted personnel targets, command & control systems; and indirect fire systems.
- the ***principal indirect fire support system*** of the vertical assault element of a STOM force



Why EFSS?



The EFSS *design and configuration* will ensure that its *tactical mobility*, both in the *air* and on the *ground*, is equal to the supported force.





When EFSS?



- ☒ **FY 01 – Mission Need Statement approved**
- ☒ **FY 02 – FY 04 POM submit**
- ☐ **FY 03 – ‘Jump Start’**
- ☐ **FY 04 – Program Start**
- ☐ **FY 06 – Procurement starts**



Questions?

